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CHINA.

Report from Hongkong—Plague and smallpox.

Passed Assistant Surgeon McMullen reports, March 23, as follows:

During the week ended March 21, 1903, 7 vessels, 638 crew, 144 cabin passengers, and 205 steerage passengers were inspected; 512 crew and 196 steerage passengers were bathed at the disinfecting station, and 777 pieces baggage were disinfected.

The following communicable diseases were reported in the colony for the week just ended: Bubonic plague, 28 cases and all fatal (1 Indian, 27 Chinese); smallpox, 1 case and 1 death (Chinese); 1 case each enteric fever and scarlet fever, and 2 cases diphtheria, with no deaths (all Europeans). Since January 1 to date there have been 110 cases of plague reported in the colony, all fatal, and all Chinese with 1 exception, an Indian.

Plague at Phanthai—Canton clean.

Consul McWade, at Canton, reports, March 21, as follows:

Bubonic plague has caused 100 deaths at Phauthai, 13 miles south-east of Kit Yang, in the province of Kwangtung. Efforts are being made to induce the elders and gentry of that city to have it thoroughly cleaned and the bodies of the victims promptly buried.

To this date no cases of plague or cholera have occurred in Canton or its immediate vicinity. Canton is the cleanest city in south China.

A sanitary board composed of five mandarins has been organized by H. E. Tak Sou, viceroy of the Two Kwangs, and the streets are swept daily and flushed several times each week.

COLOMBIA.

Report from Bocas del Toro, fruit port.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Osterhout reports as follows: Week ended April 21, 1903. Present officially estimated population not obtainable; number of deaths, 2; prevailing diseases, malarial fevers; no quarantinable diseases; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good. I hear of very little sickness from malarial causes. No cases of smallpox reported for the past week.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels.

Date.	Name of vessel.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
Apr. 15	Fulton	14	0	0	0
17	David	21	0	0	0
16	Fort Morgan	22	0	0	0
19	Belvernon	23	0	0	0